

The Florida Senate
COMMITTEE MEETING EXPANDED AGENDA

COMMUNITY AFFAIRS
Senator Bennett, Chair
Senator Norman, Vice Chair

MEETING DATE: Monday, March 21, 2011

TIME: 10:15 a.m.—12:15 p.m.

PLACE: Pat Thomas Committee Room, 412 Knott Building

MEMBERS: Senator Bennett, Chair; Senator Norman, Vice Chair; Senators Dockery, Hill, Richter, Ring, Storms, Thrasher, and Wise

TAB	BILL NO. and INTRODUCER	BILL DESCRIPTION and SENATE COMMITTEE ACTIONS	COMMITTEE ACTION
1	CS/SB 968 Environmental Preservation and Conservation / Dean	Boating Safety; Provides an exemption from the requirement that certain persons must possess a boating safety identification card while operating a motor vessel of a specified horsepower or greater. Requires liveries to require that a person present a valid boater safety identification card or provide proof that the person passed the boating education safety course or examination. EP 03/10/2011 Fav/CS CA 03/21/2011 Favorable BC	Favorable Yeas 8 Nays 0
2	SB 468 Bullard (Similar H 1343)	Community Redevelopment; Expands the definition of the term "blighted area" to include land previously used as a military facility. CA 03/21/2011 Favorable MS BC	Favorable Yeas 8 Nays 0
3	CS/SB 402 Criminal Justice / Negron (Identical CS/H 45)	Regulation of Firearms and Ammunition; Prohibits specified persons and entities, when acting in their official capacity, from regulating or attempting to regulate firearms or ammunition in any manner except as specifically authorized by s. 790.33, F.S., by general law, or by the State Constitution. Eliminates provisions authorizing counties to adopt an ordinance requiring a waiting period between the purchase and delivery of a handgun. Provides that public funds may not be used to defend the unlawful conduct of any person charged with a knowing and willful violation of certain provisions, etc. CJ 02/08/2011 Fav/CS CA 03/21/2011 Fav/CS JU RC	Fav/CS Yeas 9 Nays 0

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4	CS/SB 650 Regulated Industries / Jones (Identical CS/H 423)	Mobile Home Park Lot Tenancies; Provides for local code and ordinance violations to be cited to the responsible party. Prohibits liens, penalties, fines, or other administrative or civil proceedings against one party or that party's property for a duty or responsibility of the other party. Revises procedures for mobile home owners being provided eviction notice due to a change in use of the land comprising the mobile home park or the portion thereof from which mobile homes are to be evicted, etc. RI 03/09/2011 Fav/CS CA 03/21/2011 Favorable RC	Favorable Yeas 9 Nays 0
5	SB 384 Bogdanoff (Similar H 243)	Tangible Personal Property Taxes; Authorizes a person who rents heavy equipment to collect a tangible personal property tax recovery fee. Defines the term "heavy equipment." Limits the application of the act to short-term rental agreements. CA 03/21/2011 Fav/CS CM BC	Fav/CS Yeas 9 Nays 0
6	SB 828 Bogdanoff (Similar H 667)	Public Records/Local Government Inspector General; Expands an exemption from public records requirements to include certain records relating to investigations in the custody of an inspector general of a local government. Provides for future repeal and legislative review of such revisions to the exemption under the Open Government Sunset Review Act. Provides a statement of public necessity. CA 03/21/2011 Fav/CS JU GO	Fav/CS Yeas 9 Nays 0
7	SB 1234 Smith (Identical H 743)	Special Assessment for Law Enforcement Services; Authorizes a municipality to impose a special assessment to fund the costs of providing law enforcement services. Makes the imposition of the assessment contingent upon adoption of an ordinance approved by the governing body of a municipality and a reduction in the municipality's ad valorem millage. Limits the maximum millage reduction required. Specifies the rolled-back rate for the calculation of a future increase in ad valorem millage. Provides for the construction of the act as a general law authorizing taxation by a municipality. CA 03/21/2011 Favorable CJ BC	Favorable Yeas 9 Nays 0

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8	CS/SB 858 Agriculture / Hays (Similar H 707, Compare H 803, CS/CS/S 408)	Agriculture; Prohibits a county from enforcing certain limits on the activity of a bona fide farm operation on agricultural land under certain circumstances. Prohibits a county from charging agricultural lands for stormwater management assessments and fees under certain circumstances. Allows an assessment to be collected if credits against the assessment are provided for implementation of best management practices. Creates the "Agricultural Land Acknowledgement Act," etc. AG 03/07/2011 Fav/CS CA 03/21/2011 Favorable BC	Favorable Yeas 8 Nays 0
9	SB 1098 Hays (Identical H 1031)	Collective Bargaining For Certain Public Employees; Specifies that for purposes of resolving an impasse the sheriff, the tax collector, the property appraiser, the supervisor of elections, and the clerk of the circuit court are each deemed the "legislative body" for their respective employees. Provides that in a county that has expressly abolished the office of any constitutional officer, such duties are transferred to the officer as provided for under the county charter if the charter is not inconsistent with general law or a special law approved by a vote of the electors. CA 03/21/2011 Favorable JU GO	Favorable Yeas 6 Nays 3
10	SB 1512 Bennett (Compare H 1427)	Growth Management; Requires that certain local governments update the future land use plan element by a specified date and address the compatibility of lands adjacent or proximate to a military installation or airport. Provides that the amount of land required to accommodate anticipated growth in local comprehensive plans may not be limited solely by projected population. Specifies how to calculate the proportionate-share contribution for a transportation facility, etc. CA 03/21/2011 Fav/CS MS TR BC	Fav/CS Yeas 9 Nays 0

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11	SB 1142 Dockery (Identical H 927, S 918)	Adverse Possession; Specifies that occupation and maintenance of property satisfies the requirements for possession for purposes of gaining title to property via adverse possession without color of title. Requires that the property appraiser add certain information related to the adverse possession claim to the parcel information on the tax roll and prescribing conditions for removal of that information. Excludes property subject to adverse possession claims without color of title from provisions authorizing the tax collector not to send a tax notice for minimum tax bills, etc. JU 03/09/2011 Favorable CA 03/21/2011 Favorable BC	Favorable Yeas 9 Nays 0
12	SB 814 Richter (Similar H 275)	Ad Valorem Tax Exemptions; Provides partial ad valorem tax exemptions for nonexempt owners of real property leased or gratuitously provided to exempt entities for exclusive use for charitable purposes. Authorizes nonexempt owners of real property to apply for ad valorem tax exemptions relating to real property leased or gratuitously provided for charitable purposes. Provides eligibility criteria for partial ad valorem tax exemptions relating to real property leased or gratuitously provided for charitable purposes, etc. CA 03/21/2011 Fav/1 Amendment BC	Fav/1 Amendment (928430) Yeas 9 Nays 0
13	SB 1120 Norman (Identical H 713)	Special Districts; Revises provisions relating to merger and dissolution procedures for special districts. Requires certain merger and dissolution procedures to include referenda. Provides an exception. Provides that such provisions preempt certain special acts. Provides for a local government to assume the indebtedness of, and receive the title to property owned by, a special district under certain circumstances. Revises dissolution procedures for special districts declared inactive by a governing body. CA 03/21/2011 Fav/CS BC	Fav/CS Yeas 9 Nays 0

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14	SB 1210 Norman (Compare H 1003)	Counties and Municipalities; Authorizes the board of county commissioners and the governing body of a municipality to pursue the collection of delinquent fees, service charges, fines, or costs through the use of a private attorney or a collection agent. Provides that the collection fee, including attorney's fees, may be added to the balance owed. Limits the amount of the fee. CA 03/21/2011 Favorable BC	Favorable Yeas 9 Nays 0
Consideration of proposed committee bill (Interim Project 2011-110 - Merger of Independent Special Districts):			
15	SPB 7072	Special Districts; Provides for the merger of special districts. Provides definitions. Provides that the merger or dissolution of dependent districts created by special act may be effectuated only by the Legislature. Provides that the Legislature may merge independent special districts created by special act. Provides for the voluntary merger of independent districts pursuant to a joint resolution of the governing bodies of the districts or upon initiative of the district electors, etc.	Not Considered
16	CS/SB 426 Judiciary / Latvala (Compare H 291)	Service of Process; Authorizes certified process servers to serve writs of possession in actions for possession of residential property. Authorizes a landlord to select a certified process server to serve a writ of possession. Requires a certified process server to provide notice of the posting of the writ to the sheriff. JU 02/08/2011 Fav/CS CA 03/21/2011 Not Considered RC	Not Considered